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Honorable Carl Hayden  
Chairman, Joint Committee on Printing  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Hayden:

As you know the Central Intelligence Agency has received authorization to construct a new headquarters building in the vicinity of Langley, Virginia. In line with our over-all objective of eventually consolidating all of our Headquarters personnel and activities in this area, we have proposed the immediate consolidation of the classified printing facilities now serving the Agency. Inasmuch as the Government Printing Office-State Service printing plant located in this Agency's Administration Building, 2430 E Street, N. W., is now doing a substantial part of our classified printing, it is believed that it will be in the best interests of the Government Printing Office, this Agency, and the Government to transfer operating control of this plant to the Agency at this time, with a view to eventually merging it with the Agency's other printing facilities.

This matter has been thoroughly investigated by the Public Printer and this Agency and has been discussed with the staff of the Joint Committee on Printing. This investigation has indicated that it is in the best interests of the Government to effect this transfer. The specific conditions which the two parties have agreed will govern all aspects of the transfer are set forth in a letter dated November 19, 1956, from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Public Printer. The Public Printer agreed to the transfer under these conditions in a letter dated December 5, 1956. Copies of both of these letters are attached as Annex A and B respectively.

Accordingly, the matter of the transfer of the Government Printing Office-State Service printing plant to the Central Intelligence Agency under the conditions set forth in the Director's letter of November 19, 1956, to the Public Printer is submitted for the approval of the Joint Committee on Printing. It is planned to obtain Budget Bureau concurrence to the necessary transfer of funds as soon as Committee approval is obtained.

The proposed transfer does not involve immediate physical relocation of the Government Printing Office-State Service facility. Final relocation will not take place until adequate space is available in the Langley, Virginia, area. However, both parties have agreed that their best interests will be served and the eventual merger facilitated by the transfer of this facility to Agency control on January 1, 1957, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

Attachments:  
Annexes A and B

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